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	Examiner Winnie Yip	Art Unit 3637

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 December 2003.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 16 December 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

This is a first office action for application Serial No. 10/735,785 filed December 16, 2005.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims are generally narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with current U.S. practice. They appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors.

Regard to the claim, the term “to provide” (lines 2 and 4) merely recites a method step of making a product but does recite the structural limitation of the product. It is not consistent to the scope of the claimed invention.

Further, “the inner end” (line 3) lacks a proper antecedent basis. And, the term “middle portion” (line 5) should read “a middle portion”.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claim 1, as better understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lin et al. (US patent application publication No. 2003/0205264) .

Lin et al. shows and teaches a collapsible umbrella comprising a first rib (22) and a second rib (27) being pivotally connected with a joint (2), the joint having an extended end (23) to receive an inner end of the second rib (27), and a reinforced rib (30) having an inner end (305) being pivotally connected to a substantial middle portion of the first rib (22) and an outer end (24) being extended into and connected to the joint (2) .

5. Claim 1, as better understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ko (US Patent No.6,164,302) .

Ko shows and teaches a collapsible umbrella comprising a first rib (3) and a second rib (6) being pivotally connected with a joint (5), the joint having an extended end to receive an inner end of the second rib (6), and a reinforced rib (51 or 31) having an inner end being pivotally connected to a substantial middle portion of the first rib (3) and an outer end being extended into and connected to the joint (5).

6. Claim 1, as better understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by You (US Patent No. 6,397,866) .

You shows and teaches a collapsible umbrella comprising a first rib (2) and a second rib (1) being pivotally connected with a joint (10), the joint (10) having an extended end (25) to receive an inner end of the second rib (2), and a reinforced rib (30) having an inner end (241) being pivotally connected to a substantial middle portion (24) of the first rib (2) and an outer end (141) being extended into and connected to the joint (10) .

Citations

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Wu '498, Lin et al. '755, Lin et al. '822, Lin et al. '303, Seidel et al. '199, Chen '353, Wang '770, and Kuang et al. '200 teach various collapsible umbrellas having first rib pivotally connected to a second rib by a joint and a reinforcing member connected therebetween as similar to the claimed invention.

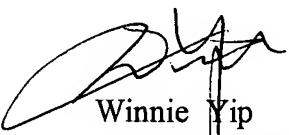
Inquiry Contacts

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Winnie Yip whose telephone number is 571-272-6870. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-5:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 571-272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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